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SUBJECT: POLISH EDITOR DISCUSSES POLISH/ISRAELI RELATIONS

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1. WE DISCUSSED THE VISIT TO ISRAEL OF DOMINIK HORODINSKY (REFTTEL) WITH THE MFA DIRECTOR OF EASTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS (GOVRIN) WHO TOLD US THAT, CONTRARY TO EARLIER EXPECTATIONS, HE HAD MET WITH HORODINSKY AT THE LATTER'S REQUEST. GOVRIN SAID THAT HORODINSKY HAD DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS THE POSSIBILITY OF RESUMED RELATIONS BETWEEN POLAND AND ISRAEL. HE RECALLED THE SUPPORT EXTENDED TO THE NEW STATE OF ISRAEL BY POLAND IN THE LATE FORTIES AND THE ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO INDIVIDUALS BEING REPATRIATED FROM EASTERN EUROPE TO ISRAEL. HE SAID THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT WISHES TO ELIMINATE ANY REMAINING TRACE OF ANTI-SEMITISM AND AN IMPROVEMENT IN ATMOSPHERE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. AN IMMEDIATE RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS  
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SHOULD PERHAPS NOT BE CONTEMPLATED BUT  
CURLTURAL EXCHANGES AND TRADE COULD BEGIN.

2. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION WHETHER HORODINSKY HAD AUTHORITY FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS, GOVRIN SAID IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT HE HAD BEEN SENT AS AN INTERMEDIARY. AT ONE POINT,

HORODINSKY SAID HE WAS ACTING ON ADVICE AND INSTRUCTIONS FROM "HIS SUPERIORS" TO TAKE INFORMAL SOUNDINGS. GOVRIN SAID HE HAD REPLIED TO THE PROBE BY SAYING THAT ISRAEL FOLLOWS THE PRINCIPLE OF MAINTAINING RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES, EVEN THOSE WITH DIFFERENT POLITICAL VIEWS, AND HE PRESUMED THAT ANY CONCRETE PROPOSAL WOULD BE CAREFULLY STUDIED. HE REVIEWED WITH HORODINSKY THE HISTORY OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THEIR COUNTRIES AND POINTED OUT THAT THE ABRUPT BREAKING OF RELATIONS BY POLAND IN 1967 HAD BEEN RECEIVED WITH BITTERNESS IN ISRAEL IN VIEW OF THE PREVIOUS CLOSE TIES BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES. HE SAID HE KNEW HORODINSKY MET INFORMALLY WITH A NUMBER OF ISRAELIS OF POLISH ORIGIN WHILE HERE AND HE WAS SURE THIS VIEW WOULD ALSO HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED BY OTHERS.

3. IT WAS LEFT THAT THE POLES WOULD BE IN TOUCH IF ANY FURTHER STEPS WERE CONTEMPLATED. GOVRIN SAID HE FELT IT WAS "PROBABLE" THAT THE SOVIETS HAD KNOWLEDGE OF THE PROBE. HE ASKED WHETHER WE COULD PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY RECENT SOFTENING OF VIEWS TOWARD ISRAEL IN THE POLISH PRESS OR ANY INDICATION THAT POLISH PUBLIC OPINION CONSIDERS THAT A NEW PAGE SHOULD BE CONTEMPLATED; WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS FROM EMBASSY WARSAW WHICH WE CAN PASS TO GOVRIN. HE ASKED THAT HIS DISCUSSION WITH HORODINSKY BE CLOSELY HELD AND SAID THAT ANY LEAK TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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ISRAELI PRESS AT THIS POINT WOULD BE MOST EMBARRASSING.  
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